

# STRIKE CRISIS INCREASED BY NO MOVEMENT BY PRESIDENTS

**Heads of Railroads Ask President Wilson to Show Them Where Additional Revenue Is Coming From To Meet Raise**

**CONGRESS MAY PERMIT FREIGHT RATE ADVANCE**

**Leaders of Brotherhoods Admit That Their Members Are Growing Restive Under Delays In Bringing Negotiations To Focus**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, August 24.—The question of how the railroads are to get the additional revenue they insist that they will require if they are to grant the demand of the men for an eight-hour day, is believed to have been the subject of the discussion held between Hale Holden, Daniel Willard and Judge Lovett, presidents of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Harriman lines, respectively, and President Wilson at the White House yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that the railroad heads pointed out that the granting of the full demands of the men would mean an additional one hundred million dollars a year, to the payrolls of the lines.

**Chain Men Are Well Paid**

They declared that the roads are now paying forty-four cents out of every dollar earned to their employees, and that the men are now getting far more money than other workers in similar classes of employment. They said that this money would mean the equivalent of five per cent advance on all freight rates.

Senate and house leaders last night agreed that congress will do everything in its power to avert the threatened strike, by the passage of legislation to help solve the difficulty and to provide against the recurrence of it in the future. It was even intimated that congress might adopt a joint resolution calling upon the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant the request of the railroads for a higher freight rate.

**Presidents Now Anxious**

The fact that the railroad presidents fully realized the necessity of granting the eight-hour demands of the men, if they are to avoid a strike became more and more evident in their talk yesterday. The situation was admittedly more tense than it has been since President Wilson took part in the negotiation between the brotherhoods and the lines.

It is definitely understood that the railroad executives after long and repeated conferences, have decided to act as a unit in handling the situation. The program they will insist upon deals with the principle of arbitration first and afterward with discussion of the men's demand for an eight-hour day.

**Railroads May Surrender**

The indications are that the railroads will concede the eight-hour day on condition of an assurance that future disputes be arbitrated.

The employees charge that the executives are playing for time, but are apparently willing to give President Wilson the opportunity to settle the controversy.

The crisis became confessedly more tense with the acknowledgment by leaders of the brotherhoods that it is getting difficult to hold their men, who are demanding action in consonance with the strike vote which they took.

The negotiations with the railroad operators are said to be prospective of so much delay that the union leaders are finding the men increasingly restive.

Union men say that the railroads are disposed to disregard the sacrifice by the employees of their demand for time and a half for overtime.

**President Holds Conference**

President Wilson, Chairman Newlands of the senate interstate commerce committee, and Chairman Adamson of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, conferred on the strike situation.

A reply from the railroad men to the statement of the President at the conference on Monday is still awaited.

**SALE OF WEST INDIES LIKELY TO BE DELAYED**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
COPENHAGEN, August 24.—It was announced here last night that the formation of a coalition cabinet which was to put through the treaty with the United States providing for the purchase of the Danish West Indies has failed utterly. The upper house of the Danish legislature is expected to reject the treaty today, and this probably will postpone the sale of the islands until this coming fall.

# BREWER AND PAIA SHARES ARE SOLD

**Former Stocks Bring \$450 and Latter Are In Demand At \$249**

The market was dead yesterday, total sales reported on the exchange being only 290 shares. However, two of the sales were notable ones.

Twenty-two shares of C. Brewer & Co., were sold at \$150, the last sale having been at \$125 a share. It is more than a year since any of this stock has changed hands.

Thirty shares of Paia sold at \$249, or one dollar less than previous quotations. Kawa and Son Carlos gained half a point, and Oahu a quarter, while Olan and Pioneer sold at preceding level. All stocks are firmly held and new business will not result until buyers amend their views, upwards.

On the curb \$300, Mountain King sold from 60 to 65, and \$200 Mineral Products at 95. Bid and asked prices were, Honolulu Oil, 2-2.25; Engle's Copper, 2.40-2.50; Mineral Products, 95-97.50; Mountain King, 60-70; Tipperary, 6-8 cents.

# ISLAND ELECTRIC MAY BE PURCHASED

**Forbes Informed Coast Man Wants To Buy Stock and Plant of Maui Corporation**

That negotiations are under way for the sale of the Island Electric Company, of Maui, was made public Tuesday afternoon by Charles R. Forbes, chairman of the public utility commission, at a meeting of that body. J. E. Blake, manager of the Hawaiian Electric Company of Honolulu, was present at the commission's session, and in the course of the talk he admitted that the Honolulu concern at one time was considering the purchase of the Maui corporation's plant and property, but that negotiations failed, as a satisfactory valuation could not be agreed upon.

Forbes said he had been approached in San Francisco by a man giving the name of Van Sant, who said he intended purchasing the Maui company, and wanted to get some information concerning its standing as a public utility. Blake said he had met the same man here and that he had reason to believe Van Sant was able financially to handle the deal. Mr. Van Sant had told Forbes he seriously contemplated the purchases. The talk did not disclose any figures, as to the price asked by R. E. Bond, president of the Maui corporation, or the amount offered either by the Honolulu firm or by the Coast man.

It is understood Mr. Van Sant is a contractor who has handled a number of large projects on the Coast.

# CONTRACTOR MARSHALL BREAKS LEG AT WAIPIO

**Builder of Hilo Breakwater Suffers Injury At Quarry**

(By Mutual Wireless.)  
HILO, Hawaii, August 23.—(Special to The Advertiser).—George E. Marshall, contractor having in charge the construction of the Hilo Breakwater, had a leg broken today at Waipio, where he has been quarrying rock for the breakwater. Mr. Marshall was taken from the valley to the steep road from the valley to Kukuhae, from where he was rushed in an automobile to the railroad terminus near Paia. From the latter place he was taken in a special railroad car to the Hilo hospital, where the broken leg was set. He is now resting easily and no complications are feared.

# GERMAN CROPS ARE GOOD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
BERLIN, August 23.—The Berlin Tageblatt says today that there have been excellent yields of cereal crops throughout Germany and that only the potato crop is inferior to that of last year.

# PARALYSIS TOLL IS GROWING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW YORK, August 23.—An increase in deaths from infantile paralysis were shown today, the number being forty-two, with 131 new cases.

# COTTON FUTURES ACT RESTORES STANDARDS

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, August 22.—Orders re-establishing cotton standards will be issued soon by the department of agriculture in conformity with the agricultural appropriation bill which contains a re-empowerment of the cotton futures act with a few changes. The new law is effective September 1 and the treasury and agriculture departments will make the necessary regulations. To prevent any disturbance in the cotton trade, copies of the new regulations will be distributed to cotton exchanges and others interested in ample time before the law becomes effective.

# KEEP IT HANDY

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# PROMINENT SUGAR MAN KEEPS DEATH BY HIS OWN HAND

**William G. Ogg, Manager of Hawaiian Agricultural Co., Shoots Himself With Revolver**

# BODY FOUND IN ROAD ALONGSIDE AUTOMOBILE

**Victim Had Been Missing From Plantation At Pahala, Big Island, Since Monday**

(Special by Mutual Wireless.)  
HILO, Hawaii, August 23.—William G. Ogg, for twelve years manager of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company, is dead. His body was found early this morning above Pahala, Kauai, alongside Mr. Ogg's automobile. He was shot through the mouth. A thirty-two caliber revolver was found close by the body. Sheriff Samuel K. Pua will hold an inquest tomorrow.

Dr. Alfred E. Thomas, government physician of East and West Kan, says that Manager Ogg shot himself in the woods about one hundred yards from the old Highway House, on the county road from the Volcano House to Pahala.

Mr. Ogg had been very much worried lately about the plantation. No other cause appears to have led the prominent sugar man to seek self-destruction.

**Missed Since Monday**  
Mr. Ogg had been absent from his home in Pahala since last Monday night. Mrs. Ogg and others at the house and in the plantation had thought he had gone on a trip to Hilo. Otto H. Swasey of Honolulu, chief entomologist with the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, spent all Monday forenoon with Mr. Ogg, inspecting the plantation. Mr. Ogg then left for the lower end of the plantation, saying there was a fire here and that he was going to look after its extinction. Mr. Swasey spent the evening Monday at the Ogg residence, but Mr. Ogg did not return home that night, and the morning Mr. Swasey was informed that the manager had gone to Hilo. While in his company Mr. Swasey noticed nothing unusual in Mr. Ogg's manner or appearance.

The body, accompanied by Mrs. Ogg, will be sent to Honolulu in the Mauna Loa, arriving there on Friday morning. It will be cremated.

# MRS. OGG ADVISES HONOLULU AGENTS

First news of Mr. Ogg's death came yesterday in a wireless message from Mrs. Ogg to C. Brewer & Co. local agents of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company. No information as to the cause of death or other particulars, except that Mrs. Ogg was accompanying the body, were given in the brief message.

The deceased was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and was fifty years old. He came to Hawaii in March, 1888, together with James Gibb, now manager of the Honolulu Plantation Company of Aiea, this island. In 1893 Mr. Ogg married Miss Campbell, at the time a school teacher in Maui, where the deceased was then employed. Of this union there are no children.

**Had Rapid Rise in Life**

Mr. Ogg's parents died in Scotland four or five years ago. One brother survives the late plantation manager—James Ogg, a well known mill engineer and inventor formerly here and now residing in Cuba, where he is connected with the sugar industry. James Chalmers, a brother of Manager George Chalmers of Waimanalo, is connected with the Ogg family by marriage.

On his arrival in the Islands, Mr. Ogg went to Waiakoa, Hilo, Hawaii, then managed by Charles C. Kennedy, recently retired, and became stable luna for the plantation. From that time on his rise was rapid. He was luna at Paia, section luna at Makawili, assistant manager with the Wailuku Sugar Company and head luna for the Hawaiian Agricultural Company's plantation at Pahala. After a year in the last position he became manager of the plantation on May 1, 1904, succeeding Manager Sherman on the latter's resignation.

**He Fought Leafhopper**

Mr. Ogg took charge of the plantation when the dread leafhopper was then at its height of destruction and threatened to wipe out all the cane on the big estate. Through heroic efforts only was Manager Ogg and his assistant able to pull the plantation through. Today Pahala is one of the best paying sugar properties in the Territory.

Four or five years ago Mr. Ogg started on his first visit to Scotland since his arrival here in 1888, intending to see his parents, who were then aged and feeble. He got as far as New York, where he was operated on for appendicitis. On the advice of his physicians Mr. Ogg returned to Hawaii to recuperate, intending later to visit his native country. Shortly after his return to Hawaii he received news of the death of both his father and mother.

# ENDOSA CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Gregorio Endosa, self-confessed slayer of Pedro Nolasco, who was killed by the former at Kahaluu, Tuesday, was arraigned in police court yesterday morning charged with murder in the first degree. He is held without bail. At the request of Attorney William J. Sheldon, defending Endosa, the hearing was set for next Friday morning.

# CREDITORS RALLY TO AID OF KONA TOBACCO COMPANY

**They Agree Practically To Wipe Out Large Indebtedness If Industry Is Reorganized**

# BISHOP ESTATE TURNS OVER LAND FOR \$1000

**Hackfeld & Co. Offers Debt of \$200,000 For \$5000 and W. R. Castle Cancels \$50,000**

The shareholders of the Kona Tobacco Company met at Castle & Withington's office yesterday afternoon, pursuant to call of President W. R. Castle, to consider the reorganization proposition which he offered. This company suspended operations three years ago after the 1913 crop had been harvested and since then no crop has been grown awaiting the disposal of the product.

The company was organized in May, 1908, by J. G. Smith, and was originally capitalized at \$25,000. Since then the company has passed through many vicissitudes. The first crop failed because of drought. A fair crop followed in 1909 and was sold at prices up to one dollar and twenty-five cents a pound for the best wrapper tobacco. As a result of the excellent returns, the company increased the capital stock to \$100,000 early in 1910 and planted the largest crop so far grown in any one year in the Islands, more than 200,000 pounds of cured leaf being harvested.

**Many Managers Engaged**  
At the end of 1910 Mr. Smith was succeeded by Joseph Daniels as manager. He cured the 1910 crop, prepared it for market, and personally conducted its sale. The plantation got a new manager in 1912, P. C. Daniels, and another in 1913, George Schrader, who in turn was succeeded by a fifth manager, but because of the failing finances of the concern, no further crops were grown.

In the meantime the capitalization of the company was increased to \$250,000, about \$176,000 stock being issued. H. Hackfeld & Co. took the agency for the plantation in 1910 and have repeatedly made heavy advances to help the industry over difficult places.

**Heavy Blow Falls in 1912**  
The most serious blow the plantation had was the loss of its fermenting house in 1912, together with the entire 1911 and 1912 crops of leaf tobacco.

At this time the company is so heavily indebted to H. Hackfeld & Co. and W. R. Castle that there is no hope of working its way out without a complete reorganization. Tobacco grown at the plantation has sold at prices ranging from ten cents to twelve dollars and fifty cents a pound. For this reason, because very high prices have at times been secured the original shareholders and promoters of the enterprise are not satisfied to entirely discontinue operations.

**Owners and Agents Magnanimous**

Mr. Castle told the shareholders that H. Hackfeld & Co. have offered to write off their entire debt of about \$200,000 against the company for a cash payment of \$5000. The B. P. Bishop Estate, owning the lands on which the Kona Tobacco Company is located, have offered to sell the shareholders the land on which the company's buildings have been erected for \$1000, and Mr. Castle told the shareholders that he will write off his own advances of nearly \$50,000 provided they will subscribe sufficient capital in a new company to again undertake the production of crops.

**Castle Proposition Accepted**

After discussion it was decided to accept Mr. Castle's proposition, he agreeing to at once make the cash payment asked for by H. Hackfeld & Co. and the Bishop Estate. He said that as only seventy per cent of the stock was represented at the meeting, the stock could not be retired by mutual agreement, and foreclosure proceedings will therefore have to be taken. This process will wipe out the company and its debts in about three weeks.

Mr. Castle recommended that J. G. Smith be employed as manager of the new tobacco company to be formed after the mortgage has been foreclosed. He also stated that arrangements are in progress, through the kindness of Alexander & Baldwin, to procure a Sumatra expert tobacco curer. The shareholders appointed a ways and means committee consisting of A. Haneberg, C. G. Ballentyne and J. G. Smith to proceed in the reorganization on their behalf.

# CHOLERA IN FAR EAST CAUSES ANXIETY HERE

Agreeing to stand back of the territorial board of health in whatever that body might think best to do with reference to the cholera situation in Japan, as possibly connecting with Hawaii through shipping, the public health committee of the chamber of commerce met yesterday morning.

Reports of the epidemic in the Orient were discussed by the members and the touching of Japanese ships at Honolulu became a matter for thought, with a view to considering advisable safeguards against the introduction of the disease here.

It was unanimously decided to recommend support of whatever the board of health should see fit to do.

# BRITAIN PLANNING TO MOBILIZE SECURITIES

**Additional Financial Measures Are Under Consideration**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, August 23.—Further financial measures are contemplated by the British government to gain and conserve revenue. A mobilization of Canadian and neutral securities held by the British but not turned over to the government is planned.

It is also the intention of the chancellor of the exchequer to apply for parliamentary power to impose an additional income tax of two shillings upon the return from all securities not deposited in the government treasury.

# GERMAN SOCIALIST GIVEN MORE SEVERE SENTENCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
AMSTERDAM, August 24.—Carl Leihnacht, the leader of the German socialists, has been given a more severe sentence than was first imposed by the military court that tried him for leading the demonstration in favor of peace on May Day. The increase in his sentence followed his appeal from the finding of the lower court. He must serve four years and one month penal servitude and has been expelled from the army. He has also been deprived of all civil rights for six years.

# DEUTSCHLAND REPORTED AT MOUTH OF WESSER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
BERLIN, August 24.—The Overseas News Agency announced last night that the German submarine Deutschland had been reported at the mouth of the River Weser. The Deutschland left the mouth of Chesapeake Bay August 2.

# BIG INCREASE ORDERED IN JAPANESE AVIATION CORPS

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)  
TOKYO, August 23.—The war department yesterday announced the organization of a new battalion of the aviation corps. The headquarters of the battalion will be at Kagamiyama, Gifu prefecture.

# GERMANY SAYS BRITISH BATTLESHIP TORPEDOED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, August 24.—The German admiralty yesterday issued a statement announcing that a German submarine had succeeded in attacking and damaging a British battleship. This is flatly denied by the British admiralty.

# NEW PACIFIC MAIL LINER REACHES SAN FRANCISCO

(Special Marcomgram to the Hawaii Shipper.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, August 24.—The Equador the new liner of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, arrived here yesterday afternoon. She will sail for the Orient, via Honolulu, September 27.

# AMENDED ARMY MEASURE PASSED BY UPPER HOUSE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, August 23.—The senate today passed the army appropriation bill with revisions to meet the wishes of President Wilson. The bill now goes to the house, which is expected to accept the measure and pass it speedily.

# CALIFORNIA TOWN SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
ETREKA, California, August 23.—The hardest earthquake shock felt here since 1906 caused a panic today, people fleeing into the streets. The damage done was immaterial. Apparently the shock was local.

# BRITISH TORPEDO HITS BATTLESHIP WESTPHALEN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, August 23.—The German battleship Westphalen was hit and slightly damaged on Saturday by a British torpedo, according to a Reuters' semi-official despatch. The vessel can be repaired.

# NO PEACE OVERTURES MADE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, August 24.—Robert Cecil, member of the house of commons announced last night that there had been no overtures for peace made to Great Britain. His declaration was in response to questions asked by members of the house, founded on rumors as the result of the Balkan situation. Both houses of parliament adjourned last night until October 10. The present parliament has been extended for seven months.

# PRISONERS ARE RELEASED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
CITY OF CHIHUAHUA, August 24.—Nine prisoners who had been arrested as suspects in a Legation plot, were released by General Trevino last night. They claimed that Mariano Tames misled them. They were told that they were going to a picnic and found that they were being headed in the direction of one of the Villa hiding places.

# HUGHES CONTINUES TO ATTACK WILSON

**Candidate Says American Prestige Has Been Cut In Two**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
RENO, Nevada, August 24.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for the Presidency, returned last night to his attacks upon the administration's handling of the diplomatic corps and the Mexican question.

He declared that the prestige of the United States has been cut squarely in half by the vacillating policy of the President in regard to Mexico. In criticizing the administration for dismissing trained diplomats to make room "for those unqualified for any room except party loyalty," Mr. Hughes scored Mr. Wilson. "Other countries," added the speaker, "make of diplomacy a profession and promote their diplomats as they grow in worth and experience."

"We had a fine start in that way," he continued, "but we have thrown away what we had gained."

# PRESIDENT WILL NOT VISIT PACIFIC COAST

**Demands On His Time and Attention Are Too Many**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, August 24.—A letter from President Wilson to the Commercial club of this city announced yesterday, said that he would be unable to visit the Coast during the coming campaign, unless the situation in Washington changed. He stated that the demands upon his time and attention are such that he will not be able to leave the national capital for any lengthy periods.

# PRESTIGE OF VILLA UTTERLY DESTROYED

Withdrawal of American Troops Hinted At By Pershing

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, August 24.—In a report from General Pershing, commanding the American troops in Mexico, made public yesterday by the war department, it is declared that "Villa's prestige in Mexico has been completely destroyed and he can never again become a factor in the Mexican situation of any serious weight."

It is taken here that this indicates the certain withdrawal of the American troops in Mexico at an early date. "Other despatches from American headquarters in Mexico told of the damage done by a wind storm, which yesterday threatened the aeroplane station. The machines were saved from harm by the men attached to them, who clung to the anchor ropes until the wind had abated. The aeroplanes were but slightly damaged."

# WILL HOLD CONFERENCE ON NEW ENGLAND COAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, August 24.—Secretary of State Lansing and Senator Arredondo, ambassador-designate of Mexico, have tentatively decided that the meetings of the joint conference between the United States and Mexico shall be held on the New England coast and will begin the first week of September.

# CARRIER PIGEONS BEAR MESSAGES FROM PERSHING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
COLUMBUS, New Mexico, August 23.—Carrier pigeons are the latest recruits along the border. Fifty of the feathered racers are en route from the East to be used in carrying despatches between General Pershing and General Funston, after tests of the practicability of the plan. Atmospheric conditions on the border make the ground wireless unreliable.

# HOT WAVE KILLS SCORE AND PROSTRATES NEW YORK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
NEW YORK, August 24.—Twenty-four are dead and 131 are suffering from heat prostration as the result of the hot wave that swept over this city yesterday morning.

# CHINESE PREMIER APPROVED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
PEKING, August 24.—The Chinese parliament yesterday approved the appointment of Tunn Chi Jui to be premier.

# COLDS CAUSE HEADACHES

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# GREEKS STIR WRATHFULLY AT INVASION OF BULGARS

**Commander Says He Will Resist March of Bulgarians Should They Reach Seres, and Venizelos Organizes Volunteers**

**TEUTONS AND ALLIES STILL MOVING FORWARD**

**Reports of Fighting in Eastern Theater Conflicting, While British Keep Up Drive Against Germans in Bloody Thiepval Sector**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, August 24.—The invasion of parts of Greece by the Bulgarians and Germans has created a political situation in Greece that is becoming more and more tense with each passing day. Despatches from the Balkan centers last night asserted that the Greek commander, General Moskopulos, has declared that he will resist the advances of the Bulgars if they get as far as the Greek city of Seres, while other reports from Greece declared that former Premier Venizelos, who heads the Liberal party and has been pro-Ally in his leanings since the outbreak of the war, is organizing corps of volunteers to go to Moskopulos' assistance in case they should be needed. Excitement is said to be growing in Athens and the feeling is declared to be acute.

**Bulgars Continue Advance**

The actual fighting at the various Balkan fronts has been of minor importance, although London reports say that the Bulgarians have continued their advance and are entrenching various positions east of the Struma river, over which they have driven the French and British advanced patrols. Meanwhile all the capitals of Europe are watching Bucharest and wondering what Rumania intends to do. Despatches to Berlin papers stated last night that the Rumanian government has not definitely made up its mind what course to pursue, but other accounts tell of preparations that are being made with the apparent intention of entering the war.

**British and French Gain**

In the Western theater of the war, save for the attacks of the British troops in the vicinity of Thiepval, where Sir Douglas Haig is continuing his efforts to encircle the German positions and compel the surrender of the troops now holding them, and the counter-attacks of the Germans in the sectors of Pozieres and Guillemont, there have been only minor engagements. The British took 200 yards of trenches south of Thiepval after bitter fighting.

North of Verdun the French are continuing their steady driving at the lines of the Crown Prince and yesterday reported the gain of additional territory between Fleury and Thimumont, with the capture of 200 prisoners.

The French official communique issued yesterday reported that the French had lost some ground south of Estrees, where the Germans gained a footing at points in trenches which the French had taken Monday.

The reports of the fighting in the East are contradictory. Berlin and Petrograd tell different stories. Berlin declares that the Austrians have recaptured positions taken from them by the Russians in the struggle near the Taboritz Pass, while Petrograd asserts that the Slavs, under General Brusiloff, have taken two important heights southwest of Ardjulez in Hungary. The Germans claim that the Russians have been repulsed in their attacks on the Stokhod River, and that the Slavs have been checked in all the sectors south of the Pripiet.

The fighting on the Stokhod, where the Russians are attempting to break through the German held lines and reach Kovel, their objective for the last six weeks of stubborn fighting, the Slavs have lost heavily, according to the German claims, and it appears sure that the Russians have been able to make little if any progress in that region.

The Turks along the Black Sea littoral have launched another offensive against the positions held by the Russians to the west of Trebizond, but were beaten off by the aid of the guns of the Russian Black Sea fleet, which went to the assistance of the land forces of the Czar.

The Italians are continuing their successful drive against the Austrians holding the lines in the Dolomites Alps, and in the Travencaz valley.

# GERMAN ADMIRALTY ISSUES COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
BERLIN, August 23.—The German admiralty issued a statement today asserting that the losses of the British and French navies up to August 1 amounted to seventy-two vessels, with a displacement of 496,000 tons, while the German losses for the same period were only twenty-five vessels, with a displacement of 52,000 tons.